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Davis To Lead Hearing on Medical Device Safety

What: **Government Reform Committee Oversight Hearing, "Medical Device Safety: How FDA Regulates the Reprocessing of Supposedly Single-Use Devices"**

When: **Tuesday, September 26, 2006**
10 a.m.

Where: **ROOM 2154, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING**

The Committee on Government Reform will hold a hearing to examine the Food and Drug Administration's oversight and regulation of the use of reprocessed single-use medical devices.

To cut costs, many hospitals reuse medical devices designated for one-time use. For example, new biopsy forceps can cost $60, but re-used forceps go for a little as $15. Manufacturers say they can't guarantee the safety or effectiveness of single-use devices after they are reprocessed. Reprocessors say they have processed more than 40 million devices with no evidence of increased risk to patient safety.

At this hearing, the committee will assess FDA's regulation of the reprocessing industry and determine if more monitoring is needed to assure the safety of reprocessed devices.

WITNESSES

PANEL I

Dr. Daniel G. Schultz,
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